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FOR: NOVEL MIXTURES FOR ASSAYING NUCLEIC ACID, NOVEL METHOD OF ASSAYING NUCLEIC ACID WITH THE USE OF THE SAME AND NUCLEIC ACID PROBE TO BE

USED THEREFOR

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed June 4, 2008 Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I: Claims 1, 6, 10 and 11 drawn to nucleic acid probes.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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